

November 4, 2019

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Good Morning Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had a great weekend and adjusting to the time change with daylight savings ending yesterday. I hope to see you this afternoon or this evening for parent teacher conferences and ask for you to please sign in at each of your conferences.



This past Friday, students should have been provided with a briefing from their 7<sup>th</sup> period teacher regarding the student guidelines for proper care and use of the chromebooks. I have attached these guidelines for you to review with your child. In addition to these guidelines, I have also attached the parent/student acknowledgement sheet and ask that you and your child sign this and return it to his/her advisory teacher if not already submitted. Chromebooks will be distributed to students this Wednesday morning, November 6. If you have not already submitted the Technology Insurance Fee

(TIF), the revtrak system remain open to receive these payments. You can access revtrak and the 1:1 handbook and FAQs can be at the following link: <https://www.casdschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=6548>



Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) this Thursday morning, November 7.

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is a biennial survey of youth in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. PAYS asks questions about students' perspectives of their school environment, as well as attitudes, knowledge and behaviors concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs (ATOD), violence, depression, and other problem behaviors. The survey also collects information about risk factors which are the conditions that increase the likelihood that a child will develop problem behaviors later in life, and it also collects information about protective factors – people or conditions in a community that can buffer a youth from risk. If your child is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade he or she should have received the attached letter on Friday to bring home. In the event that your child did not receive one, I attached a copy for your review. TCHS and DCCC students will take the PAYS upon their return to campus on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

During the time that our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are completing the PAYS, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be completing College and Career Readiness activities that they started during the PSAT exam date. Advisory will be extended for the completion of these activities.

## Winter Sports

Believe it or not, the winter sports season is only two weeks away. The first official practice date is Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please be reminded that student-athletes will not be able to participate in any team activities, including try outs, until all the necessary PIAA paperwork (Comprehensive Initial or Recertification Pre-Participation Evaluation) is signed by all necessary parties to include parent/guardians, authorizing physician, and student-athlete. All CASD paperwork (extra-curricular code of student conduct, emergency procedure card) is also needed along with the PIAA paperwork.

Last week I had the privilege of accompanying business teachers Mrs. Colletti and Mrs. Hashem with Counselor Mr. Shirk and nearly 50 students from our Sports and Entertainment Marketing and Entrepreneurship classes on a trip to tour the inner workings of the Phillies Organization and Citizens Bank Park. Students divided into two tour groups and assigned to a tour guide who led our students through the VIP Suites, Hall of Fame and Diamond Club sections of the ballpark as well as the different media and broadcasting areas. In addition to these areas students were able to visit the Phillies clubhouse, batting cages, and

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dugout areas. The tour concluded with the group having field access to the area behind home plate. Students learned a lot of history of the organization as well as marketing and business strategies within the different departments.



Did you know that children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year? That's just 18 days, or 2 to 3 days a month. Students who miss 10% of the school year are considered chronically absent. The research shows us that absences add up. That's as true for kindergartners as it is for 12th graders. It's as true for excused absences as it is for skipping school or taking a family vacation. That being said, please see the letter on page 3 below for a special thank you and an additional attendance reminder.

Veteran's Day is only a week away (Monday, November 11). We would like to ask your assistance in sending us any Coatesville Alumni who served or is serving our country so that we can recognize these individuals with having their names scroll on our electronic message board thanking them for their service. If interested and have not done so already, please send the name(s) and branch of service to Mrs. Amy Brown at [brownam@casdschools.org](mailto:brownam@casdschools.org). We hope to have these names on display by the end of the week of November 4.



The annual Citadel Heart of Learning Award nomination period is now open! We have tremendous teachers at the Intermediate High School and I strongly encourage everyone to nominate one or more of our teachers for this prestigious award. The Citadel Heart of Learning Award is a teaching excellence award that recognizes Chester County teachers who show dedication both in and out of the classroom.



The Citadel Heart of Learning Award recognizes teachers who make a difference in our community, support students beyond the call of duty, and encourage full potential. The nomination form can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://www.citadelbanking.com/giving-back/citadel-heart-of-learning/citadel-heart-of-learning-nomination-form>

**Super Science Saturday**



Registration for Super Science Saturday at West Chester University is now open. This program is being offered by WCU in an effort to introduce girls in grades 6 through 12 to careers in STEM. The girls will spend the day engaged in hands-on activities with real women scientists. The program is free and lunch will be provided. Super Science Saturday will be held on **November 9th from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm** at West Chester University. Please register using the link below. Space is limited to 100 girls. I also attached the flyer for this event.

<https://www.wcupa.edu/sciences-mathematics/earthSpaceSciences/superScienceSaturday.aspx>

Thank you for reading this week and please see below for a schedule of our upcoming events and information about our 1:1 initiative. I have also included a copy of our 1:1 TIF reminder sheet on page 2 and a Thanksgiving attendance letter on page 3. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chengler

Principal

<b>Friday</b>	8-Nov	7:00pm	District One Football Playoffs	A	CB West
<b>Saturday</b>	9-Nov	TBD	MARCHING BAND	A	COB CHAMPIONSHIPS

# COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move closer to distribution of the Chromebooks on **November 6, 2019**, we wanted to remind you and your students about the importance of reading over the Technology 1:1 Handbook as well as getting in your Technology Insurance Fee (TIF). Students are to be responsible when handling the device and are required to follow the Technology 1:1 Handbook usage guidelines as well as Board Policies (Board Policies 235).

Your child’s Chromebook is the district’s investment, therefore should be cared for properly or you as the parent/guardian will be held liable for the damages. No student should cause intentional damage to a device. If the device or accessories are returned damaged, or not returned at all, you as the parent/guardian will be held responsible to pay for the repair or replacement of those items.

The CASD highly recommends that parent/guardians invest in protecting your child’s device whether or not they take the device home. Any student can and will be held liable for any damage to his or her device according to board policies, however by paying the TIF your student will be covered if an accident should occur. Any student with an unpaid TIF will be held liable for any accidental damages to his or her device, including on school property. \*\*\* **Financial Hardships:** *If the technology fee creates a financial hardship on the student or parent, please contact the Main Office about payment options.*

For additional information, please see the CASD website for the Technology 1:1 Handbook, TIF information, and 1:1 FAQs

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## **IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID OR SIGNED, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL**

This will act as a signed 1:1 agreement. Check or money order may be sent in with this form. Payment may also be made via RevTrak.

I have enclosed the TIF payment for my child for the 2019-2020 school year.

(\$40 for one student, \$80 for two students, \$100 for 3 or more students)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I will pay via Revtrak, and am signing the 1:1 agreement below.

I decline to pay the \$40 TIF and accept full responsibility for damaged or loss of the district’s device. I understand my child will not be allowed to bring the device home.

Parent/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Your signed 1:1 agreement and your TIF payment are required prior to being issued a device for at home use.**

The Coatesville Area School District does not discriminate in employment, educational programs, or activities based on race, sex, handicap, or national origin. This policy of non-discrimination extends to all other legally protected classifications in accordance with state and federal laws including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are thankful!

As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need



We appreciate each one of you so much. We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. We also hope you will keep in mind that school is closed on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 and reopens Monday, December 2, 2019.

We especially appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Chenger

Principal